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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend the subject application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title and before the first line, insert the sentence:

--Cross Reference to Related Application

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/047,102, filed March 24, 1998, now allowed, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--;

line 12, delete "in a connector for", insert --of connectors--.

line 14, delete ", and they", insert --. They--;

line 21, delete "a" (second occurrence); and

line 22, delete "a", insert --the--.

Page 2, line 3, delete "used to be".

Page 4, line 1, following ",", insert --since--, and
delete "obliged", insert --required--;

line 2, change "there are posed" to --it exhibits--,
 after "problems", insert --in--, and
 change "is inferior in" to --exhibits inferior--; and
 line 20, change "said" (first occurrence) to --a--.

Page 5, line 6, change "It is preferable that" to --In--, and
 delete "is such";
 line 7, delete "that";
 line 8, after "other", insert --,--;
 line 9, after "the", insert --two--;
 line 26, change "comprising: a first step for forming" to --. First--, and
 after "holes", insert --are formed--.

Page 6, line 1, delete "; a", insert --.--;
 line 2, change "second step for forming," to --Next,--;
 line 3, delete ";", insert --is formed.--;
 line 4, change "a third step for laying said" to --The--,
 after "structure", insert --is then laid--, and
 change "said" (second occurrence) to --the--;
 line 5, delete line in its entirety, insert --is disposed in the through hole. A
 sheet is then formed by bringing the two films into--;
 line 6, delete in its entirety and insert --thermal press contact. The cut pieces
 are then cut from one another,--;
 line 7, delete "bending",
 delete "said cuts", insert --the cuts are bent--;
 line 8, change "said" (all occurrences) to --the--;
 line 9, change "said" to --the--;
 line 10, delete "from";
 line 11, change "making" (first occurrence) to --by--,
 change "to" (all occurrences) to --through--,
 after "sheet", insert --,--, and
 delete "making" (second occurrence);

line 16, delete “comprising: a first step for forming”, insert --. According to this method, a--,

change “each of” to --is formed--;

line 17, after “cuts”, insert --,--;

line 19, delete “; a second step for covering said cut pieces”, insert --. The cut pieces are then covered--;

line 20, delete “said”, insert --the--;

line 21, delete “said”, insert --the--, and

delete “; a third step for”, insert --.--;

line 22, delete “forming through holes”, insert --Through holes are then formed--, and

delete “said cut pieces; and a fourth step for”, insert --the cut pieces.--;

line 23, delete “bending one”, insert --One--, and

delete “said cuts”, insert --the cuts are then bent--;

line 24, change “said” (both occurrences), insert --the--; and

line 25, change “said” to --the--.

Page 7, line 2, delete “making punching to”, insert --punching through--; and

line 4, delete “at the fourth step toward the”, insert --toward a second--.

Page 8, line 9, after “21”, insert --,--; and

line 25, delete “is”, insert --offers--.

Page 9, line 1, after “and”, insert --is also--;

line 6, delete “when a”, insert --in light of--;

line 7, delete “, etc., are taken into”, and

delete “consideration”, insert --considerations--;

line 8, delete “Dependently on”, insert --Depending upon the--;

line 12, after “20”, insert --,--;

line 14, after “20”, insert --,--;

line 19, delete “, and even”, insert --. Even--; and

line 26, delete “a size and a”, insert --a specific size and--.

Page 10, line 10, delete “merit”, insert --benefit--;

line 12, delete “. The reason”, insert --, for the following reason--;

line 13, delete “is as follows”;

line 14, delete “secured”, insert --achieved--,

delete “If”, insert --However, if --; and

delete “not merit as”, insert --no comparative benefit--;

line 15, delete “compared”, and

delete “, an effect”, insert --.--;

line 16, delete “of absorbing the”, insert --A--,

delete “of a”, insert --absorbing effect of the--, and

after “weakened”, insert --.--;

line 18, delete “means”, insert --refers to--;

line 25, delete “. The reason is”, insert --, for the following reason.--; and

line 26, delete “as follows.”.

Page 11, line 10, delete “is superior in”, insert --offers superior--.

Page 12, line 5, delete “cannot be obtained, so that the increase of the content”;

line 15, delete “. The”, insert --, for the--;

line 16, delete “reason is as follows”, insert --following reason.--;

line 20, after “sheet”, insert --.--; and

line 24, delete “. The reason is as follows.”, insert --, for the following reason.--.

Page 13, line 12, delete “The”, insert --When the--;

line 14, delete “and”; and

line 18, after “socket”, insert --.---

Page 15, line 19, delete in its entirety and insert --Example--.

Page 17, line 8, after "surface", insert --,--;

line 13, delete "cope with the", insert --accommodates a--; and

line 15, delete "and is", insert --it offers--, and

delete "it", insert --and--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-8 and 25-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 9-24 are pending herein. Applicant has canceled claims 1-8 and 25-26 without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Applicant believes the case is now in condition for examination.

The specification has been amended in the same manner as in the parent application and to identify the parent application.

Filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited during prosecution of the parent application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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